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B.C. Place

▶ PavCo CEO David Podmore leads reporters and high school students on a tour of B.C. Place yesterday.

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Workers hit final third of renovation

The $563-million renovation of B.C. Place is now two-thirds complete, and all 36 of the roof's masts are in place. PavCo CEO David Podmore told reporters the project remains on budget. The stadium is scheduled to reopen Sept. 30 for a B.C. Lions game. Story, page 4.

Apple unveils sleek new iPad

CEO Steve Jobs returns from medical leave for launch {page 15}

DeMerit named Caps captain

'It's a very proud moment,' defender says {page 33}

Credit cuts jail time for wife killer

- **Editha Mangaoang, 49, a mother of four, moved to Canada from the Philippines and worked as a nanny**
- **Her husband believed she was cheating and, during a fight in 2007, strangled her, dumped her body and then lied to police regarding her whereabouts**

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A Vancouver man who strangled his wife in a jealous rage and dumped her body in a cardboard box will serve two-and-a-half years in jail after double credit for time served.

Orlando Carderas Mangaoang pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of his wife, Editha, and was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in jail.

He was given double credit for the three years he spent in prison awaiting trial and sentencing.

Irene Tsepnopoulos-Elhaimer, with the Women Against Violence Against Women Rape Crisis Centre in Vancouver, called the sentence "measly" and said it sheds light on the perceived value of women's lives.

"Violence against women is an indication of women's equality (in a society)," said Tsepnopoulos-Elhaimer.

"We see women from all socio-economic and racial groups coming (to us)," Tsepnopoulos-Elhaimer said, adding those who are immigrants, who struggle with language and finances, and who don't have family nearby are particularly vulnerable.

"We'd love to see some systemic changes for women's safety, and for society to take this more seriously.

"With International Women's Day coming up, we want to put women back on the table. Women's safety and justice need to be part of (our leaders') platforms."

Tsepnopoulos-Elhaimer is calling on the province to reinstate a minister for women's equality and to increase financial support to core services like rape-crisis centres, which she said are "shamefully" underfunded.

"If this (issue) doesn't get to the top of the political agenda, we will continue to be mourning women."

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Thousands caught phone-handed

RCMP were on the lookout for distracted B.C. drivers during February — and ended up finding 3,000 of them on roads across the province.

The drivers were caught using hand-held electronic devices, phones in most cases, over the course of a month-long distracted-driving crackdown.

Supt. Mike Diack said in a release police heard any number of excuses for using phones while driving, such as "I was just on my way to the mall to buy a Bluetooth," or "I was just telling my (spouse) to call back because I was driving."

"Whatever people may say, there is simply no excuse — except calling for emergency assistance — to be using hand-held electronic devices while driving," said Diack.

"The excuses won't mean anything if you are involved in a collision that seriously injures somebody because you made a phone call or sent a text message."

Last year, distracted driving was behind 104 collision-related deaths in B.C., said police.

Besides using phones while driving, police have also said it's not uncommon for people to be caught applying makeup or reading the paper while behind the wheel — both considered distracted-driving offences.

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▶ Const. Gordon Schmidke tickets a truck driver for talking on his cellphone while driving on East 41st Avenue last February.

Liberals welcome Lekstrom back

Clark hosts first Liberal caucus meeting since taking power MLA who bolted over HST returns to party

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Premier-designate Christy Clark was still basking in the honeymoon glow of her Liberal leadership victory as she led her first caucus meeting yesterday.

The 46-year-old was given a thunderous ovation as she stepped into the meeting room at Vancouver's Fairmont Pacific Rim and she went through each table to embrace the MLAs.

During a break in proceedings, Clark told media the Liberal family had grown by one more cheery supporter as Blair Lekstrom was welcomed back to caucus. Lekstrom quit last year over the government's failure to discuss the HST with the public before implementing the controversial tax.

"I think it's a great change to have him back in our caucus again. I have an enormous amount of respect for him."
PREMIER-DESIGNATE CHRISTY CLARK

Lekstrom, the former minister of energy, mines and petroleum resources, said he was happy to rejoin a Clark-led Liberal coalition.

"I'm proud to be part of Christy's team," he said. "Christy made a commitment that she's going to be engaging of the public and this is obviously a very important thing for me.

"When she looks you in the eye and talks to you, you know she's talking to you and saying what she means."

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

▶ Premier-designate Christy Clark welcomes MLA Blair Lekstrom back into the Liberal fold yesterday during the first caucus meeting since Clark became leader of the party.

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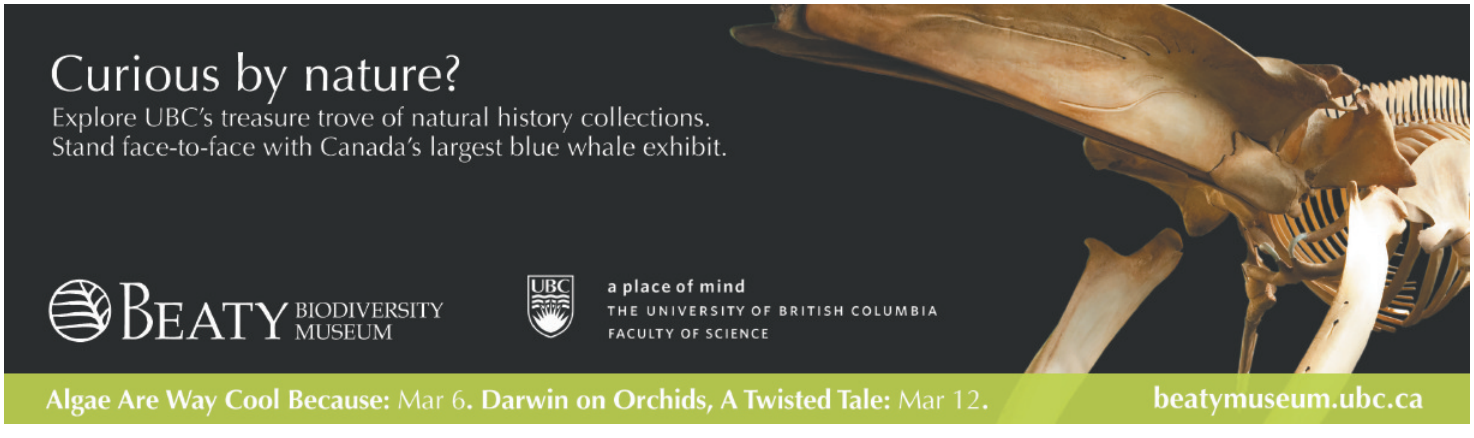

Renovation chugging along

B.C. Place stadium to reopen Sept. 30 $563-million project remains on budget: PavCo CEO

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The renovation at B.C. Place stadium are in the final third, according to PavCo.

David Podmore, the corporation's CEO, invited ministers Ida Chong and Mary MacNeil and students from King George Secondary on a tour of the under-construction venue yesterday and updated media on the progress.

"We're doing very well on the budget and we're two-thirds of the way through," Podmore said. "Today, all of the masts have been installed, and now we're installing the cable nets. Shortly, we'll have all of those installed and can move on to the ribs that support the fabric."

The last order of business will be to install the actual retractable roof, install the turf field and put new floors into the building.

Podmore said he doesn't see the renovation going over its $563-million budget.

Heavy winds meant that crane operations and heavy lifting were halted yesterday, but Podmore insisted the stadium can withstand any weather once the project is complete.

"The building is designed for Vancouver weather conditions," he said.

The stadium is scheduled to reopen with a B.C. Lions game Sept. 30.

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▶ Students check out a model of the completed roof during a tour of B.C. Place yesterday.

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▶ A B.C. Ferries vessel leaves the Tsawwassen terminal.

More than 55,000 lose power as winds rock south coast

More than 55,000 hydro customers were without power around the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island yesterday after strong winds battered the region.

The storm peaked around 11 a.m. with winds at 56 km/h in Vancouver, 81 km/h in Abbotsford and 93 km/h in Tsawwassen, said Lisa Coldwells, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

Hardest hit was a rocky outcrop off the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, where winds clocked in at more than 160 km/h.

The weather forced the cancellation of a number of B.C. Ferries sailings, including those along the three major routes between the Lower Mainland, and Nanaimo and Victoria.

Deborah Marshall, spokesperson with B.C. Ferries, said strong winds make it difficult to dock the vessels, which could crash into berthing structures in the high waves.

Service on most routes was restored by late afternoon.

Simi Heer, spokesperson for B.C. Hydro, said it can be dangerous work clearing trees and downed power lines to restore power.

"Safety is of course our number 1 priority," Heer said.

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Tips from public help the police

Two of RCMP's top-10 most wanted have been captured thanks to citizens' tips since the list was released Feb. 22

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B.C.'s most-wanted list has gotten a little smaller, thanks to the public.

Marcus Sheena, wanted for a breach of probation related to an assault with a weapon charge, was arrested at a home on the Osoyoos Indian Reserve around 1 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

"Information is a powerful tool for police," South Okanagan RCMP Cpl. Scott VanEvery said in a release. "We received a number of tips and that information led us to the right place and in the end, Marcus Sheena was arrested."

RCMP released its 10-most-wanted list on Feb. 22 and said they received several tips in the days following, which led to the almost immediate arrest of another top-10 suspect.

Ronald Miljure was arrested by Burnaby RCMP on Feb. 23. He was wanted for break-and-enter, robbery, and four counts of breach of release.

The eight remaining fugitives on B.C.'s most-wanted list are suspected of crimes ranging from murder and assault to fraud and theft.

Cherry. Trees

▶ Planters, from left to right, Theresa Coady, chair of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival; Doreen Lau, daughter of David and Dorothy Lam; Mayor Gregor Robertson; and Kenji Shinoda, consul general of Japan, put seven cherry trees into the ground at city hall yesterday.

NATALIE KAUR JOHAL/FOR METRO

Another 3,000 trees to be planted

The city, along with the David and Dorothy Lam Foundation, will make another 3,000 trees available for the public to be planted as part of its urban forestry initiative. The annual spring event will also celebrate the 125th birthday of Vancouver, with events running from March 26 to April 22.

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Chemical leak injures workers

Chlorine pipe ruptures at North Vancouver plant ● No cause determined

A chlorine leak in Metro Vancouver has injured several workers.

North Vancouver district assistant fire chief Wayne Kennedy says crews were called to the Canexus Chemicals plant at around 5 a.m. yesterday following reports of a chlorine pipe rupture.

He says that by the time firefighters arrived an independent Canexus team was already treating three people who may have been burned by caustic liquid chlorine.

At least one other worker is believed to have inhaled chlorine. Kennedy says there's no word on that person's condition.

A cause of the leak at the suburban Vancouver plant has not been determined

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Man loses $1,000 in Craigslist robbery

A Langley man is out more than $1,000 after responding to a phony Craigslist advertisement about a computer for sale — and then being robbed.

The victim had made plans with a man — who claimed to be selling a computer — to meet at Douglas Crescent and 206 Street, said RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks.

"When he arrived, he was met by a male who suggested they meet inside a nearby apartment building," Marks said.

"A second male waited at the building. One of the two suspects displayed a firearm. The victim immediately handed over his cash."

A witness reported seeing three men get into a car and drive away.

"The majority of Craigslist users may be trustworthy and well-intentioned," Marks said. "Nevertheless, it is very important to take the same common-sense precautions online as you would offline."

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Heavy. Duty

▶ Four Lower Mainland municipal police forces unveiled their new armoured rescue vehicle yesterday.

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Police show off newest acquisition

An emergency response team with officers from Abbotsford, Delta, New Westminster and Port Moody will operate a newly unveiled armoured rescue vehicle. It will be used to transport officers and extract people from dangerous situations.

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News in brief

Gaghafi foes fight off attack

BREGA. Opponents of Moammar Gadhafi repelled an attack by the Libyan leader's forces trying to retake a key coastal oil installation yesterday. The assault was the first major regime counteroffensive against the opposition-held eastern half of Libya. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Venezuela calls for talks

CARACAS. Venezuela's top diplomat called yesterday for the creation of a bloc of friendly countries to help resolve the conflict in Libya, saying diplomacy should be used to end the violence sweeping the North African nation.

Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro criticized U.S. and European Union officials for adopting policies aimed at isolating Gadhafi and raising the possibility of providing military support to Libyans rebelling against the embattled leader. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Scholarships in peril?

REGINA. The president of the University of Regina fears hundreds of Libyan university students in Canada could soon run out of money if federal sanctions against their strife-torn country freeze their scholarships.

The sanctions are being imposed by Ottawa to help push Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi from power.

Vianne Timmons says there are currently 520 Libyan students in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadians set sail for Libyan coast

HMCS Charlottetown pulled out of Halifax yesterday morning Trip will take about six days

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Leading Seaman Joseph Quigley held his baby daughter closely yesterday morning, committing everything about her to memory.

"She's six months now and she could be a year when I get back, and that's a huge difference," he said.

It was short notice for the 240-plus sailors on board the HMCS Charlottetown. They were put on standby over the weekend, and then on Tuesday Prime Minister Stephen Harper committed the ship to sail to Libya.

It's not exactly clear what they'll do when they get there, but their mission may include evacuating Canadian citizens, providing humanitarian aid and enforcing UN sanctions.

"It could be six months, two months or three weeks who knows? We could get halfway across and they might say come back," Quigley said, adding he's excited about the mission.

It was even shorter notice for Master Seaman Dan Sinnott. The sonar operator wasn't even assigned until Tuesday.

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▶ Leading Seaman Pierre Gagnon holds his eight-month-old daughter Jaelynne on the deck of HMCS Charlottetown.

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Fashion icon faces trial for alleged slurs

- John Galliano recorded on video praising Hitler
- Designer apologizes and says he is seeking help

Paris prosecutors yesterday ordered famed fashion designer John Galliano to stand trial in the coming months over alleged racial insults.

The trial could take place between April and June, and Galliano could face up to six months in prison and $31,000 in fines if convicted, the prosecutors' office said in a statement.

Capping a five-day whirlwind of scandal around the designer, the prosecutors said he will face allegations of "public insults based on the origin, religious affiliation, race or ethnicity" against three people.

The news came shortly after the talented 50-year-old designer apologized for his behaviour after top-tier house Christian Dior sacked him as creative director over anti-Semitic remarks.

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▶ John Galliano in 2004.

Video of an inebriated Galliano praising Hitler and the subsequent firing of one of the industry's most talented and money-making designers have sent shock waves through Paris Fashion Week, which began Tuesday.

Galliano broke his silence on the issue yesterday.

"Anti-Semitism and racism have no part in our society. I unreservedly apologize for my behaviour in causing any offence," he said in a statement via his British lawyers.

Galliano also said he was "seeking help" for his personal failures.

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Man gets life sentence for killing wife

Halifax man pleads guilty to second-degree murder in death of his wife and popular schoolteacher Paula Gallant

A packed courtroom sat in silence as the gruesome details of Paula Gallant's murder were told publicly for the first time yesterday.

Jason MacRae, 37, was to appear at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax to set a date for trial on a charge of first-degree murder in his wife's death, but instead pleaded guilty to the lesser offence of second-degree murder.

"The fact that Mr. MacRae maintained his guise of innocence for almost five years tells this court that he does lack, to some degree, a conscience," Justice Kevin Coady said in rendering the automatic life sentence.

Paula Gallant

The statement of fact read in court said police got a break in the case after MacRae confessed in detail how he killed his wife to an undercover RCMP officer posing as a member of a crime syndicate. The two met in 2009.

On the afternoon of Dec. 27, 2005, MacRae and his wife were arguing over several "minor issues" inside their Timberlea, N.S., home, including a $700 gambling debt he incurred, the court heard.

Gallant was later on the computer when MacRae struck her with a two-by-four in the back of the head. With both hands he

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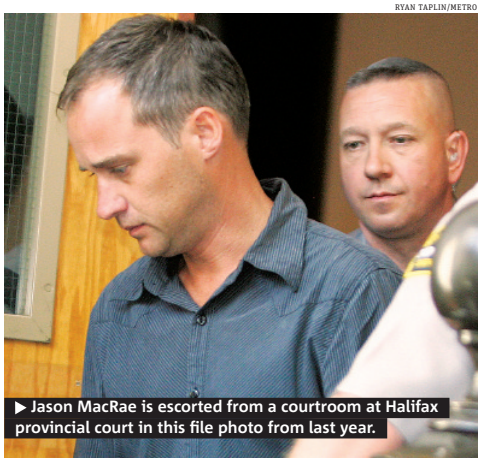

▶ Jason MacRae is escorted from a courtroom at Halifax provincial court in this file photo from last year.

"The fact that Mr. MacRae maintained his guise of innocence for almost five years tells this court that he does lack, to some degree, a conscience."
JUSTICE KEVIN COADY

then strangled her and wrapped plastic wrap around her head.

MacRae remembers hearing his daughter crying on the baby monitor as he murdered his wife.

After going upstairs to feed her, MacRae left the one-year-old in the high-chair as he shoved Gallant's body through a basement window and into the trunk of her Chevrolet Cavalier. He then drove and left the car at the school where she taught Grade 3.

Coady said MacRae was unable to control his anger in the face of normal and usual dialogue.

"It is he who has failed," Coady proclaimed.

KRISTIE PEARCE

HEAD HUNG IN COURT

Jason MacRae sat silently as he listened to 11 family members and friends of Paula Gallant struggle through tears as they described the pain he had brought them.

"I've never been a violent person," MacRae would later say in a statement to the court. "I don't know what changed in me that day."

MacRae hung his head throughout most of yesterday's proceedings, avoiding the glares of Gallant's loved ones as they spoke during victim impact statements on the stand.

As Justice Kevin Coady read him his sentence, MacRae — who for years denied any involvement in his wife's murder — showed no reaction.

"I will regret this for the rest of my life," said MacRae, dressed in a black suit. "I'm truly sorry." KRISTIE PEARCE

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▶ Steve Jobs unveils Apple's iPad 2, left, yesterday in San Francisco, Calif. The original is pictured on the right.

Jobs back for iPad 2

◗ 'I just didn't want to miss today' ◗ New computer tablet is thinner, faster, sleeker, more connected

Apple CEO Steve Jobs emerged briefly from medical leave and walked on stage to a standing ovation yesterday to unveil the second-generation iPad.

Jobs, 56, looked frail as he appeared at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater in San Francisco, Calif., in his signature black mock turtleneck, jeans and wire-rimmed glasses.

"We've been working on this product for a while, and I just didn't want to miss today," Jobs said. "Thank you for having me."

The iPad 2 tablet computer has a faster processor than the original's. It comes with two cameras for taking photos and video chatting. The battery life is the same, about 10 hours of use and a month on standby. It's also thinner: 8.8 millimetres as opposed to its predecessor's 13.4 millimetres.

"The new iPad 2 is actually thinner than your iPhone 4," Jobs said.

He also introduced a new accessory for the iPad that lets people connect the tablet to a high-definition TV. Updated software turns iPhones and iPads with 3G cellular connections into personal Wi-Fi hotspots, so you can share the connection with computers or other devices.

The iPad 2 goes on sale in Canada on March 25. Pricing is not yet available.

Jobs announced in January that he would take a third leave of absence to focus on his health. In the past decade he has survived a rare form of pancreatic cancer and undergone a liver transplant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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FINDING FAMILY AFTER FLYING THE COOP

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

I've often said my parents have given me the strength and confidence to disappoint them at every turn.

My mother and father — by bringing me to church and being true to their home city — gave me the stability I needed to reject God and get the hell of out of town.

That might sound inharmonious, but it actually helped me learn tolerance toward people who are different. I never had to learn to embrace people of different cultures — they were making my breakfast in the kitchen and calling me "dear."

And I loved them long before I realized I had the option not to.

My siblings took a similar route. My parents used the classic template — hardworking dad, stay-at-home mom — and produced a writer in Toronto, a painter in Halifax, and a permanent student in Edmonton. Sometimes it seems like the only thing the two generations have in common is the debt load.

It's a diverse brood, for sure.

There's my brother Andrew, who is possibly the most effortlessly nice person on the planet. He makes Elmo look like Dick Cheney.

There's my sister Erica, the most book-smart of the four in my estimation, though she's probably the least world-smart since she's decided to live in Edmonton.

And there's me: divorcé and atheist extraordinaire.

"The cost of a successful family in a country this large is the price of a divorce in others ..."

The exception that proves the rule is my brother Jeff, who has made up for his three childless, nomadic siblings by being an electrician who stayed in the same town and who has alone (though I understand his wife helped) given my parents five grandchildren.

Every time the other siblings see him we all breathe a big, "thank you" under our breath for taking the pressure off.

I've been thinking about family a lot lately because it's become clear to me that I might never see them again.

Before you start checking my apartment for bad poetry, what I mean is the chances of me and my other family members seeing each other at the same time, as a unit, seems slim to nil.

The cost of a successful family in a country this large is the price of a divorce in others — you part ways and promise you'll see each other if you're ever back this way.

I have to make a reunion happen. They'll want to go to church or something, but I'm going to convince them to come to an atheists' meeting.

Mom says I can do anything I set my mind to.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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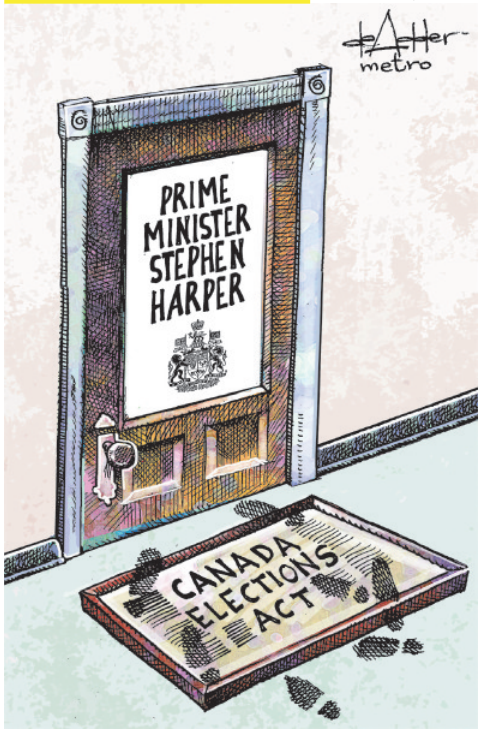

In Conservative coffers

Letters and Tweets

2006 election expenses

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he respects the way Elections Canada interprets campaign financing law, but says his Conservative party had a difference of opinion during the 2006 election campaign.

Harper is fending off charges laid against four of his top party officials over the so-called in-and-out financing scheme that Elections Canada alleges allowed the Conservatives to exceed their 2006 campaign spending limit by more than $1 million.

The Federal Court of Appeal this week overturned an earlier civil suit victory by the Conservatives, prompting a raucous afternoon in the House of Commons.

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Elections Canada alleges that 67 Conservative candidates, including three current cabinet ministers, submitted false statements to Elections Canada.

Now, four party officials have been charged for falsifying returns.

The appropriate legal remedy for violating the Elections Act is that they be barred from parliament.

Those candidates who are themselves also members of the legal profession should be disbarred.

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Metro Minute with Home & Garden show

Looking for design and home-improvement ideas?

Why not visit the 40th annual B.C. Home and Garden Show, which runs through Sunday at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Today at 5 p.m., Jackie Morra of Home Décor Solutions will take to the HGTV main stage to chat about colour and design trends for 2011.

The home show features more than 425 exhibitors and three celebrity stages featuring design, cooking and gardening.

Celebrity guests over the weekend include HGTV Home Heist hosts Colin and Justin and Disaster DIY host Bryan Baeumler. Tickets are $15 at the door and $12 at vancouverhomeshows.com.

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▶ Jackie Morra will be among the presenters at the B.C. Home and Garden Show.

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CANADIANS CONTINUE TO LOOK TO SAVE MONEY AND SPEND LESS

What do consumers want? Why do they want it? What will they buy to get it? These questions keep Canadian marketers up at night, but the Best New Product Awards makes their jobs a lot easier.

The Best New Product Awards honour the top consumer products introduced in the last year, with winners in all three categories determined by the votes of Canadian consumers. The Awards program also asks participants to answer questions about their media habits, purchasing behaviours, interests, and attitudes. For marketers, it's a chance to learn what consumers value most. Here are some of the trends they've uncovered:

A slight majority of Canadians surveyed felt the country was still in recession. "Canadians continue to look to save money," says Robert Levy, President & CEO, Best New Product Awards. "Even so, 72 per cent still like trying new products. Finding new ones that deliver is more important than ever."

This was most evident in the Food & Beverage category, where consumers try to bolster their savings and their health at the same time. Some 30 per cent planned to spend less on groceries in the next 12 months, with more than three in four paying more attention to food labels and trying to eat healthier snacks. A majority believed it important that a new food or beverage product be made from all-natural ingredients (though they aren't purchasing them in greater numbers), and a large percentage seemed focused on home-cooking—68 per cent agreed they enjoyed cooking for themselves and their families.

"Claims of 'low sodium,' 'zero trans fat,' 'all-natural,' and 'preservative-free' continue to resonate," says Levy. "Interestingly, consumers consider organics somewhat more important within

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the Health & Beauty and Household categories than within Food & Beverage. This reflects a concern with the chemicals these products might contain."

Concern for environmental issues remains high. Some 84 per cent of consumers were willing to buy reusable bags to reduce the amount of plastic in the environment, though this number is down three per cent from 2010. Another large majority, 83 per cent, felt companies were exploiting environmentally friendly claims for marketing purposes, while 87 per cent still believed manufacturers had a long way to go to reduce their amounts of packaging.

With these concerns in mind, here are the top "purchase drivers" in the three categories, as voted upon by Canadians like you:

✓ FOOD & BEVERAGE

When considering a food purchase, consumers were most often convinced by the product they believed tasted best. Freshness came next. Price was third; healthiness, fourth.

✓ HEALTH & BEAUTY

Price was the top deciding factor for those considering a health or beauty product purchase, followed by simplicity of use, and proven effectiveness. These factors mattered more than a trusted brand (fourth) or 'gentleness' (fifth).

✓ HOUSEHOLD

Consumers were most likely to buy a household product if they believed it was 'effective.' 'Cleans thoroughly' was the second-strongest purchase driver, followed by 'delivers as promised'; then 'is well priced'; and finally, 'works the first time.'

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The world seems to be changing faster than ever. Maybe it's no surprise then that we're sticking with the brand names we know best. Those trusted names are responsible for some of today's top-selling new consumer products.

This was just one of the interesting findings from this year's Best New Product Awards, an annual program focused on everyday items Canadian consumers buy. Consumers not only vote for winning products, they also answer many questions regarding their media habits, purchasing behaviours, interests, and attitudes—giving us insight into current purchasing trends. One of those trends is trust.

"Brand trust depends on consistent satisfactory performance of a brand's products, but the brands ranked as 'most trusted' also benefit from family tradition," says Robert Levy, President & CEO, Best New Product Awards. "Consumer responses revealed the huge influence of mothers in establishing their children's brand preferences."

The top five trusted brands in the Food category would be familiar to any child: Kraft, President's Choice, Campbell's, Kellogg's, and Heinz. The Household category is much the same, led by Mr. Clean, Lysol, Hertel, Vim, and Tide.

Respondents were cagier when it came to the most trusted Health & Beauty brands—names like Tylenol, Jamieson, and Life Brand for health products; Olay, Dove, and Cover Girl for beauty products. Only four in 10 believed private label beauty products were as good as brand name, as opposed to the almost six in 10 who believed this for food, household and over-the-counter health care products.

With the endorsement of thousands of voting shoppers, trust won't be a problem for The Best New Product Awards top winners. They are: Europe's Best Antioxidant Fruit Blend (Best in Show; Best in Food & Beverage category); Trojan Fire & Ice Condoms (Best in Health & Beauty Category); and Arm & Hammer Double Duty Cat Litter (Best in Household Care Category).

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Smiles & laughs for kids' performer

Congo native shares his native land's art and culture Uses diversity to bring people together and make a connection with them

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Congo-born, bilingual childrens' performer Jean Pierre Makosso came to Canada in 2001 in search of a better life. He found it on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast, where he went for a temporary teaching job and stayed for something a bit more permanent: "The ocean, man," he says, laughing. "It's everywhere."

Makosso laughs a lot. In fact, it's hard to imagine him without a toothy grin spread across his face. And it's that joyful enthusiasm that enables kids to connect with his tribal stories through music and dance.

"It's unbelievable," he says. "I feel like one of them. No worries, no troubles, nothing. Just be them. That's magical. The connection I have with them is more than anything that I could wish to have."

He adds that it's about using diversity to pull people together.

"The connection is what makes us family," he said. "You have to have a connection with people to talk about the family. You make a triangle: you, them and nature.

"That's why I interact with the audience. So we can connect and be one. When I'm walking around I forget that I'm black and other people are white. We are all the same. There's no difference."

Concerts

- **Gray.** Got a girlfriend? Then you probably already have tickets to tomorrow night's sold-out David Gray gig at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts. If you're just hearing about it now, well, you might have some explaining to do. Then again, there's always Craigslist. Show starts at 7:30 p.m., either way.
- **Smokey.** Does Smokey Robinson age? It's hard to tell from his press photos. It can be verified in person Saturday night when the legendary R&B singer performs at River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond. Tickets still available through stubhub.com. Show starts at 8 p.m.

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▶ Childrens' performer Jean Pierre Makosso enjoys connecting with his audience.

See Makosso share his culture, talent and art this weekend at the 22nd annual Festival du Bois (Saturday and Sunday at Mackin Park, Coquitlam). The festival features Quebecois, Acadian, Celtic and world music, storytelling, activities and more. Visit festivaldubois.com for more information.

Witchcraft puts book on top

A Discovery of Witches reached the hardcover best-seller list before it even hit bookstores. How? Well, it wasn't witchcraft. Author and history professor Deborah Harkness explains how the buzz to be able to nail that achievement was developed (hint: nerds help).

How did the huge buzz around your book start?

I think it started with an appearance I made at Comic Con in October, where they handed out some advance copies and buttons. And closer to the publication date, we got some advance praise on the Internet and in print media.

Are you a reader of fantasy?

Well, as a historian, I read mostly nonfiction. Since I have limited hours, I have to keep abreast of history books.

So, if you don't read fantasy books, how did you come up with the idea for this book?

I was on vacation and it was a month after the final book in the Twilight series was published, and there were all these displays in the airport. I got curious as to why, after so many centuries, witches and vampires and ghosts and angels still exert this powerful pull on us even though we think of ourselves as such scientific beings. And, what if there really were these creatures among us? What would they be doing? What on earth would vampires do for a living? And if vampires were scientists, what would witches be? So, I just began building this world in my mind.

In A Discovery of Witches, they're academics. How do you make it seem sexy?

Academia can be really dry and stuffy but it's not always the case. Libraries are magical; it's a place where infinite possibilities can happen. I just took that idea to the last degree.

Reading and knowing things is sexy — I'm gratified knowing that my readers think nerds are sexy.

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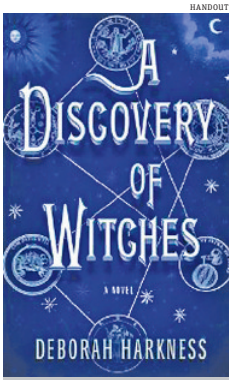

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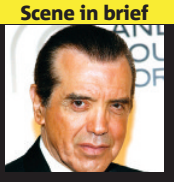

Actor Chazz Palminteri is bringing a taste of the Bronx to Baltimore. The actor, known for roles in The Usual Suspects and A Bronx Tale, says he decided to open a restaurant in Baltimore because that's where his search for the perfect Italian meal ended. Palminteri says he was so impressed with a meal he had at Aldo's Ristorante Italiano in 2009 that he went back 10 times and eventually decided to open a place with the founder and his son.

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Probe of illnesses finds bacteria at Playboy Mansion; other causes not ruled out. Scan for story.

Police take kids away from Sheen

Estranged wife says actor threatened her Court order requires Sheen to stay away from Mueller, twins

Charlie Sheen's estranged wife, Brooke Mueller, obtained a restraining order to keep the actor away from her and their sons because she was afraid of threatening statements he had made in recent days, including threatening to stab her with a pen.

The order prompted police to take the twins from Sheen's Hollywood Hills home Tuesday night and return them to Mueller.

She told the court in a filing that Sheen had also refused to return the boys to her. The order, filed Tuesday and obtained by The Associated Press, requires Sheen to stay 100 yards away from Mueller and their twin sons, Max and Bob.

Sheen has rarely seen the boys in the past year, but took them on Saturday and refused to return them.

According to a sworn declaration filed in the case, Mueller said Sheen told her in a phone call Sunday night, "I will cut your head off, put it in a box and send it to your mom."

She also claimed that Sheen threatened to stab her in the eye with a pen, and that he spit on her feet and punched her on the arm during a recent trip to the Bahamas.

"I am in great fear that he will find me and attack me and I am in great fear for the children's safety while in his care," Mueller wrote.

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▶ Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller in happier times.

Bieber's locks fetch hair-raising price for charity

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▶ Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber's legions of fans can no longer say the teen sensation's famous hair is priceless.

A lock of Bieber's hair that was salvaged from his recent haircut sold for US$40,668 yesterday, with the winning bid coming from the online casino GoldenPalace.com.

The hair was enclosed in a Plexiglas box signed by the Stratford, Ont., singer.

The auction was inspired after talk show host Ellen DeGeneres tweeted that she wanted a lock of Bieber's hair for her birthday.

The two-time Grammy nominee then appeared on her show to deliver the gift.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the Gentle Barn Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe haven for abused children and farm animals.

GoldenPalace.com has won similarly high-profile auctions in the past, including the purchase of Montreal-raised TV star William Shatner's kidney stone.

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Richards' daughter arrested

New York City police say Keith Richards' daughter has been arrested after she was allegedly seen painting graffiti on the side of a building in Manhattan.

Authorities say 25-year-old Theodora Richards was arrested on graffiti and drug charges after officers noticed her painting the letters "T-N-A" on the side of a building in the swank SoHo section of Manhattan on Tuesday evening. No other arrests were made, though it's not clear if she was alone at the time.

Richards is one of the Rolling Stone rocker's four children.

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Prince gets served for unpaid fees

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▶ Prince

A New York City law firm says Prince owes more than $700,000 in legal fees for services that include helping to settle financial obligations to his former wife.

The law firm is suing the Purple Rain singer in state Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler says in a lawsuit filed Tuesday the musician failed to pay the firm for handling cases in Ireland, California and New York.

It also says it wasn't paid for representing him in his divorce. The law firm says he has paid $125,000.

A call to Prince's Paisley Park Enterprises Inc. in Minnesota went unanswered Tuesday night.

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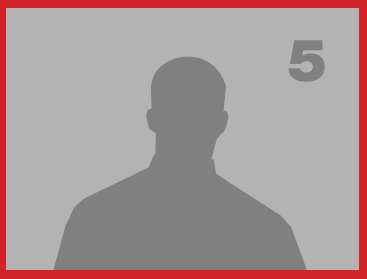

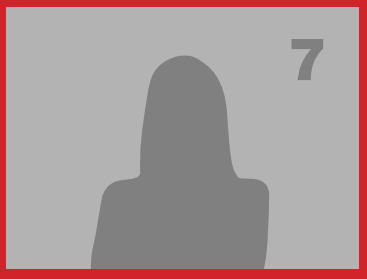

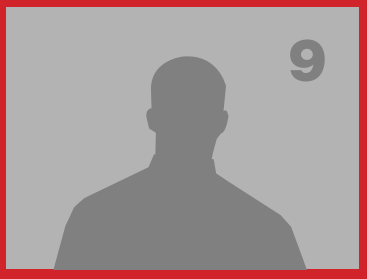

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An affair and a baby carriage for Callie

Sara Ramirez's character on Grey's faces new challenges with her girlfriend and her baby's father

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Sara Ramirez plays Callie on Grey's Anatomy.

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In the seventh season of Grey's Anatomy, things have hardly been slowing down for Sara Ramirez's character, Callie.

But that's good because slowing down wouldn't make for good television.

After breaking up and making up with her girlfriend, Arizona (Jessica Capshaw), Callie now finds herself pregnant thanks to a fling with Mark (Eric Dane) while Arizona was in Malawi.

"These people have ended up in such a complex situation emotionally, mentally, physically," Ramirez says. "For Callie, she's having a child after wanting one for so long.

"And, you know, there are people that, in terms of Arizona, just don't understand why anybody would stick around when your ex-partner went off and got pregnant with somebody else's child and now you're going to parent that child. It's so rich."

The fans have certainly let their voices be heard on the matter, according to Ramirez.

"I love the storyline, and I'm thrilled for what's happened. It's making a lot of people upset or excited, but that's a good thing," she says.

But what's most exciting for Ramirez is the material she'll get to work with going forward into such a complex storyline.

"Assuming that the baby is born and everything is going to be fine with the child, I think it's really interesting what could happen for these people.

"(It'll be fun to see) how the opportunity and potential to grow as people (changes them, as they) figure out how they fit in into this complex dynamic," she says.

"I'm excited to play it with Jessica Capshaw and Eric Dane."

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Metro interview

There's more to Kevin McKidd than going shirtless on Grey's.

Metro gets the actor's thoughts on everything from going shirtless on TV to sitting in the director's chair

KEVIN MCKIDD TALKS GREY'S

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Actor Kevin McKidd has made an impression both in front and behind the camera since joining Grey's Anatomy in 2008.

Metro spoke with McKidd about taking the reins as a director and the inevitable shirtless-ness that comes with doing a Shonda Rhimes show.

You took on directing an episode this season.

That's a totally different kettle of fish. I lost a lot of hair and a lot of sleep over that. We've had that experience as actors where directors aren't prepared. So I think, being the actor, you feel painfully aware that you've got to show up prepared.

How was directing your peers and your co-workers?

I was nervous about it. But everyone, for me, was fantastic. I felt really touched, actually, at how everybody just really went to bat for me because they knew it meant a lot.

Are you shirtless a lot on set?

I haven't been shirtless for a few episodes (laughs). I think it's more when you first start on the show, you have to sort of establish your shirtless-ness. Then it's kind of a given from that point on (laughs).

Do you know that when we Google you, the third thing that comes up on Google is "Kevin McKidd shirtless"?

All I think is that I need to get to the gym when I hear that.

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▶ Prince William and Kate Middleton

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▶ Royal officials launch website for Prince William's wedding to Kate Middleton ▶ May livestream event

They've got the carriage, the abbey and a national holiday in their honour. Now Prince William's marriage with Kate Middleton is getting what every engaged couple really needs — a wedding website.

Tech-savvy couples the world over set up websites to feature their nuptials. Such sites give guests a handy way to get directions, browse photos, buy gifts or even choose music.

Although Internet users aren't likely to get much say in the royal reception's playlist, fans will find photos, updates, videos and more on officialroyalwedding2011.org, a site that Prince William's office, St. James' Palace, says may be used to livestream the event itself.

Officials are promising exclusive content about the wedding, including that most coveted detail of all — Middleton's gown.

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Will Harper go?

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- **Prime Minister** Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, have both been invited to the royal wedding, a Harper spokesman told Postmedia News.
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Elton and hubby get invite after all

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▶ Elton John

It turns out Elton John and husband David Furnish will be attending the upcoming royal wedding after all.

"We do have an invitation," John says in an interview with CTV. "I've been trying to be discreet."

But now that it's out in the open, he's happy to discuss the happy couple, saying that Kate Middleton "isn't Diana in personality," referring to her shyness.

"She is very discreet, she is a very beautiful girl," John says. "They have been together a long time, and I think she has handled the pressure so much."

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▶ Ryan Gosling

Ryan Gosling having a Wilde time?

Olivia Wilde and Ryan Gosling have been spotted out and about together, prompting speculation that the two actors are dating, according to Us Weekly.

The pair was reportedly spotted walking hand-in-hand and smiling at an aquarium in Cincinnati, though a fan-recorded video of the sighting was later removed from YouTube.

Wilde recently separated from her Italian prince husband, Tao Ruspoli. "She wanted to get divorced for the typical Hollywood reasons," a source says. "Her career exploded, and she saw being married as not much fun." METRO

Katie sues over drug use story

- Magazine says it stands behind story
- Holmes calls it 'beyond the pale'

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▶ Katie Holmes

Katie Holmes has filed a libel suit against Star magazine for publishing a cover story insinuating she is a drug addict, according to Popeater.

"Of all the fabricated stories that continue to be published about me, this instance is beyond the pale," Holmes says in a statement.

"The publisher knew this outrageous story was false and printed it anyway to sell magazines."

For its part, the magazine is sticking to its story. "We have not been served with any papers yet, however Star fully stands behind the editorial integrity of what we have published," a rep for the magazine says. METRO

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▶ Christina Aguilera

Aguilera needs rehab: Friends

After her arrest for public intoxication, Christina Aguilera's friends are reportedly begging the singer to go into rehab, according to TMZ. "Maybe when she was married she was able to keep it under wraps, but it's out in the open now," a source says of Aguilera's drinking, adding that before her arrest, the singer has blown off any requests for her to seek treatment. As for her arrest, Aguilera doesn't have much more legal trouble to worry about.

"We have no desire to prosecute," a law enforcement spokesman tells People magazine. "When she was able to navigate and to think on her own and make her own way, she was released." METRO

Not so broken up

Though they reportedly split up last month, Amanda Seyfried and Ryan Phillippe are still very much dating, according to People magazine.

The couple was spotted together at a number of parties during Oscar week, including one at the Soho House, where they stayed on the patio most of the time before leaving together. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Charlie Sheen [@charlie sheen] Just got invited to do the Nancy Grace show... I'd rather go on a long road trip with Chuck Lorre in a '75 Pacer....

Lindsay Lohan [@Lindsay Lohan] Great creative meeting today.... but why is it so cold in LA? lol

Lance Armstrong [@lancearmstrong] Just got to Portland. What's up w/ this weather?.

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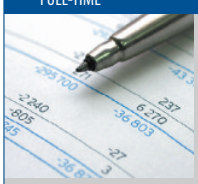

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3 life

Jay Manuel to debut collection

Canadian Jay Manuel is putting his own stamp on fashion by heading up a new collection for Sears Canada. The America's New Top Model personality and Canada's Next Top Model host has signed on as creative director of Attitude Jay Manuel, the retailer's private label collection. The Toronto-born fashion and beauty expert inked a multi-year deal with Sears Canada to helm the line. Manuel will be involved in all aspects of the collection including product development and design. In addition to women's apparel, the line will include shoes, bags and accessories.

"The time is right to return home to Canada and bring all my worldly inspirations to a fashion line that empowers women," Manuel said in a release.

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'La scandale Galliano' casts pall over start of Paris Fashion Week. Scan or visit metronews.ca for story.

- The world's fashion elite touched down in Milan this past week for MFW 11/12
- Here are five stand-out shows that reminded us that la vita (e la moda) è bella!

Milan runway roundup

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ALBERTA FERRETTI

Gone were the wispy, romantic Talitha Getty-inspired dresses from last season. Alberta Ferretti took her collection to a more structured, 60s inspired place for fall with tent-shaped dresses and coats in jewel tones (an emerging trend for Milan?) and tailored trouser and A-line top pairings. The show was also high on shine factor (metallic coats, shimmery sequined dresses and crystal embroidered frocks), which has proven to be a major trend for autumn/winter 2011. Her floaty chiffon evening gowns that closed the show were exquisite and seasonless.

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The slightly bohemian collection was softer and quieter than the gold glamazons they created last season, but it was similar in that layering played a big part. Models paraded in front of a front row that included Kanye West and Sofia Coppola in long wool, cinched waist swing coats worn over slightly longer, floaty dresses. When it was all said and done, the collection left no question of the sisters' maturing craftsmanship.

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GUCCI

Frida Giannini kicked Milan Fashion Week off with 70s silhouettes (wide-leg trousers, knee-length coats with massive fur collars and floaty maxi dresses) that dominated her collection last season. This time, she worked with a colour palette of jewel tones such as emerald green, ruby and amethyst. Her brazenly glamorous day-wear and red carpet perfect evening wear seemed to fall right in line with the trend for luxury that started in the New York shows. Then again, this is a look that the Milanese have always owned.

FENDI

If trapeze and tent shapes are a major outerwear message for autumn in Milan, then Karl Lagerfeld must have authored that memo. His collection with its subtle sense of English countryside chic had a grown-up sophistication and a youthful edge. It was both glamorous and sporty. The show began with knee-length coats and jackets that swung away from the body in olive, navy and khaki and then segued into beautifully constructed, shaggy coats. A palette of unexpected colour combos (sapphire blue, saffron and olive; yellow, maroon and brown) added to the visual excitement of it all.

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BRIONI

A runway show is nice and all. But for most women, the shopping decisions happen on the salesroom floor, touching the clothes on the rack. Brioni's Alessandro Dell'Acqua created a collection that was filled with those kinds of wearable pieces that make an impact in the store. They incorporated some of the season's trends, but in a subtle, wearable way that won't turn you into a fashion victim: a timeless cashmere sweater updated with ribbing, tailored trousers in a slightly subdued version of the It-colour fuchsia, and a shimmery silk georgette dress embellished with small pyrite stones.

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Micelle Who?

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Fashionistas lovin' Leighton

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"I've never gone through so much makeup in my life," says Leighton Meester of her bouffantastic, teased and primped look as a young, ambitious singer in the movie Country Strong.

"Tons of eyelashes and mascara and lips and acrylic nails and the whole thing," she adds. And don't get her started on the extensions.

"There was so much extra hair in there! It felt like a cemetery. The outside was nice, but the inside was crunchy. And then on top of it, a blue leather dress with gold sparkly heels and a little cross for good luck," she adds.

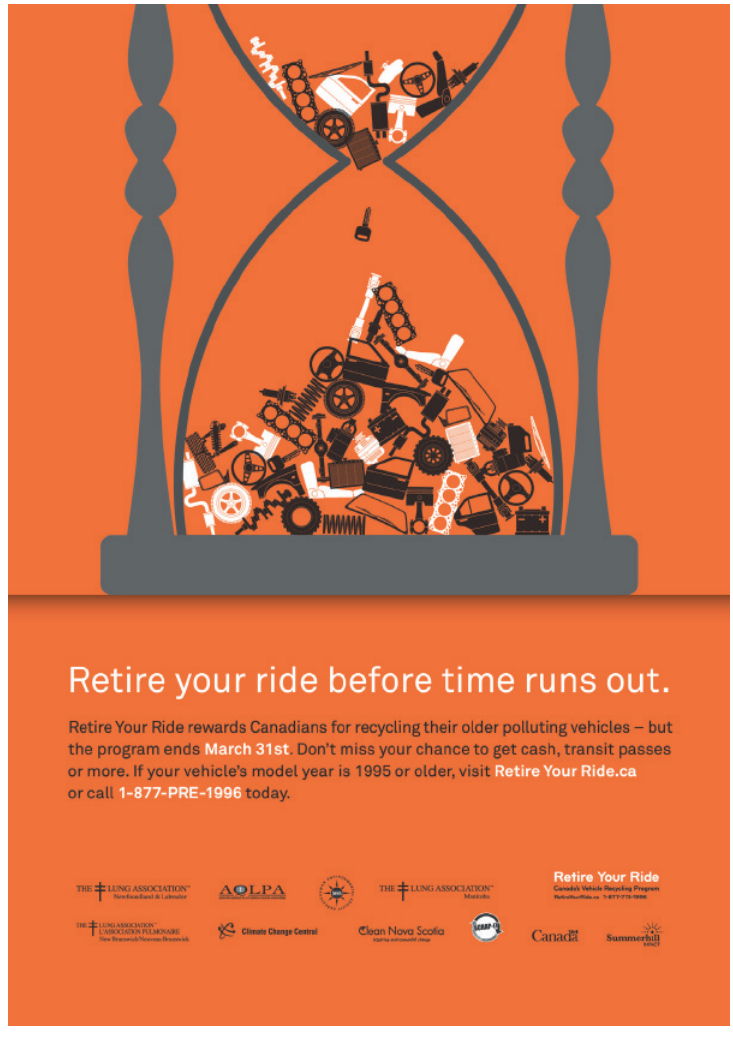
It was foreign territory for the Gossip Girl actress who seems to be catching up with co-star Blake Lively in terms of fashion cred. Lively is the new face of Chanel, Meester's the new face of Missoni. In real life, Meester describes her personal look as being much more low-key.

"I really like those days where I can just wear sweatpants, to be honest. When I'm actually going to go somewhere, I like to be comfortable and casual," she says in typical celebrity self-deprecation style. But she admits that she steps the dressing up a notch for fashion events.

"If I'm doing something a little bit more fashion, I like to go a bit further," she says. By "further" she means red carpet looks that are hardcore editorial favourites like Marc Jacobs, Vionnet and Versus, rather than Hollywood staples like Giorgio Armani and Elie Saab.

"I think it becomes about expressing yourself and being comfortable and, you know, wearing what you like."

▶ Leighton Meester is giving Blake Lively competition as the most fashion-conscious Gossip Girl.



DIY: 8 simple steps for the tap

There's no need to pay $100 an hour to a plumber

DIY IDEAS

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You lay awake at night and all you can hear is the drip, drip, drip of a leaky tap.

"Honey, when are we gonna fix that?" (Translation: When are you going to learn how to replace a washer.) Or how about the dreaded, "Honey, the toilet won't flush."

These are among the simplest plumbing jobs you can ever learn. But what do you do? You hire a plumber, at maybe a $100 an hour, including travel time. Plus materials. Ouch!

Although I don't have the space for a detailed plumbing how-to, let me reassure you of one thing. You can stop that dripping tap in less than an hour. New taps? A few hours.

Fixing a washer is a simple matter of (1) shutting off the water supply; (2) opening up the tap to drain the water out of the system; (3) using a flathead screwdriver to pry off the decorative cap; (4) removing the screw underneath; (5) removing the handle and the brass nut on the top of the "stem"; (6) taking the stem to your local hardware store and; (8) having them sell you a new black rubber washer (or sometimes, a pack of different sizes).

Back it all goes, in reverse order, and you have now become the man (or the woman) of the house.

If there are other parts of the stem that need replacing, like the o-rings (which, if worn out, can make the handle itself leak), they will sell you those, too. These minor procedures are saving you a $100 an hour.

And they will earn you some significant respect (hopefully!) from your opposite number. If it's new taps you need, or a new toilet or showerhead, why not sign up for the Home Plumbing Essentials course we offer at our BIY Workshops (biyworkshops.com). We will show you the professional way to do it all.

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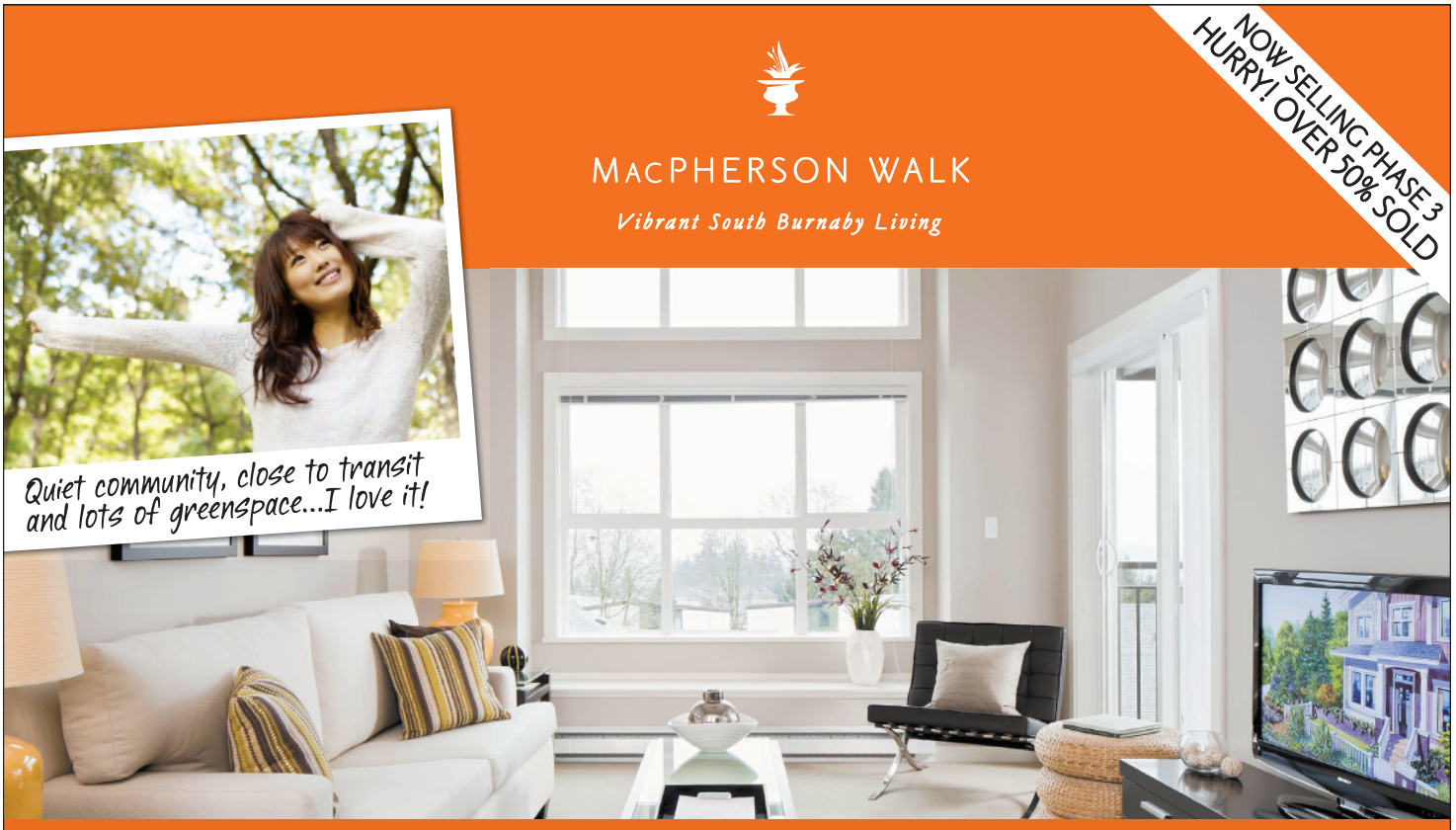
▶ It doesn't take much to stop a dripping tap.



Dining by the rules

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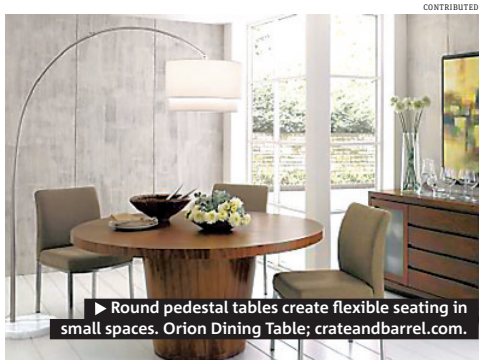

▶ Round pedestal tables create flexible seating in small spaces. Orion Dining Table; crateandbarrel.com.

Karl Lohnes offers some subtle ways to improve the look of your dining room

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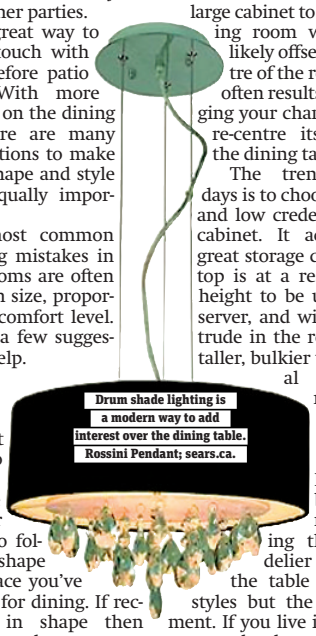
With winter looking like it's lingering longer than I hoped for, I've decided to hold a few more Sunday night dinner parties.

It's a great way to keep in touch with friends before patio season. With more emphasis on the dining area, there are many considerations to make — size, shape and style are all equally important.

The most common decorating mistakes in dining rooms are often to do with size, proportion and comfort level. Here are a few suggestions to help.



Drum shade lighting is a modern way to add interest over the dining table. Rossini Pendant; sears.ca.

Table shape

The best way to choose the shape of your table is to follow the shape of the space you've put aside for dining. If rectangular in shape then choose an oval or rectangular-shaped table. If square, then a round or square-shaped table will fit best. Keep in mind that the table needs three feet of clearance on all sides to fit comfortably into the dining area.

The most perfect dining table is a 54-inch pedestal-based round table with a leaf extension.

Round can generally fit more people (no corner to contend with) and the pedestal base means no legs to accommodate either.

Chair style

In order to get away from the "matchy" look that our parents had I suggest dining chairs that look different from the table. My favourite trick is to add modern chairs to a traditional style table or vice versa. A Parson style chair with an upholstered seat and back tend to be the most comfortable and can easily be transported as side chairs or extra seating in other rooms. The lower the back of the chair, the more modern the chair style generally is.

China cabinets

Remember that adding a large cabinet to your dining room will most likely offset the centre of the room (this often results in swagging your chandelier to re-centre itself over the dining table).

The trend these days is to choose a long and low credenza style cabinet. It acts as a great storage centre, its top is at a respectable height to be used as a server, and will not intrude in the room as a taller, bulkier traditional cabinet might.

Chandelier

I am a big fan of matching the chandelier not to the table or chair styles but the environment. If you live in a modern condo then choose a modern-style.

If you live in an arts and crafts home then choose arts and crafts as your style for a chandelier. Measuring for the right size is easy. Your chandelier's diameter should be two inches for every foot of width in the dining space (if you have a 10-foot wide dining area, you get a 20-inch diameter chandelier). Hang your chandelier 30 to 36 inches above the top of the table and of course install a dimmer switch to create a relaxing mood.

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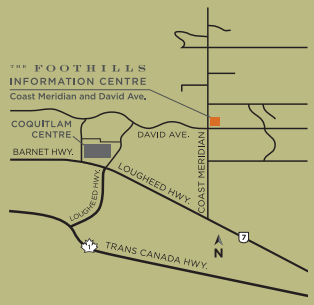

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It's maple season — eh!

The quintessential Canadian sap is for more than just drizzling over pancakes Try these salmon and parsnip recipes for a sweet touch at dinner

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▶ Soy sauce and thyme add complexity to this maple salmon dish.

With that sweet sap flowing from the trees, salmon is a perfect pairing for it.

The fish's rich, savoury side is nicely complemented by the gentle sweetness of maple syrup.

To add a bit more complexity to this Maple-Thyme Poached Salmon dish, thyme and soy sauce are added to the maple syrup.

The meal is served over skillet-roasted potatoes. You can use a mandoline to make thin slices, but if you don't have one, use the slicing side of a box grater or a knife.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. In a large ovenproof non-stick skillet over medium-high, heat oil, swirling to coat pan. Arrange potato slices evenly over bottom of skillet, overlapping and layering them. Sprinkle potatoes generously with salt and black pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, then transfer to oven and cook until tender when pierced with the tip of a knife, about 20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, cook salmon. In a large sauté pan, stir together maple syrup, soy sauce and thyme. Heat over medium until just bubbling around edges.
4. Add salmon fillets and cook for 3 to 4 minutes for salmon that is 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick. Use a spatula to turn salmon fillets over and cook for another 3 to 4 more minutes or until just barely pink at the middle and beginning to flake. Use a slotted spatula to remove from pan.

Serve with potatoes.

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Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable or canola oil
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) new potatoes, very thinly sliced
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 250 ml (1 cup) maple syrup
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) soy sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 1 kg (2 lb) salmon, trimmed, skinned and cut into 4 fillets

Maple-Garlic Roasted Parsnips

In this recipe for garlic-maple roasted parsnips, maple syrup serves as deliciously sweet coating.

If parsnips aren't your thing, feel free to substitute carrots, beets or other root vegetables.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl, combine parsnips, garlic, salt, maple syrup and oil. Toss well to coat, then transfer to prepared baking sheet, arranging parsnips so they are spread out evenly.
3. Bake for 45 minutes or until tender and starting to brown. During roasting, stir parsnips every 15 minutes for even browning.
4. In bowl, mix together black pepper and maple sugar. Sprinkle over parsnips, then return them to the oven for another 5 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 1 kg (2 lb) parsnips, peeled and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 6 ml (1 1/4 tsp) salt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) maple syrup, or more to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated maple sugar

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▶ Jay DeMerit keeps his eye on the ball at a Whitecaps practice yesterday.

DeMerit will captain Caps

American defender was captain for Watford FC of the English League Championship He will be the team's 20th captain, its first in the MLS

Understanding the footsteps he follows in, and knowing the direction the team wants to head, made being named the Vancouver Whitecaps captain for the club's first Major League Soccer season all that more special for defender Jay DeMerit.

"I understand the rich history, the captains before that have done this club a great service," DeMerit said yesterday, prior to the team practising on a cold, wet afternoon. "I hope to continue that and really look forward to that.

"It's a very proud moment. It's something that is just the beginning for myself and the club."

DeMerit, a Green Bay, Wis., native, has played in the English Premier League and on the U.S. national team. He was Vancouver's first MLS signing.

Even then-coach Teitur Thordarson believed the centre back had the combination of skill on the pitch and off-field charisma to be captain.

"Jay is an excellent leader," said Thordarson. "That is the first and most important quality.

"I like to have the captains (play) centre back. They see the game in front of them. They can help the players in front of them."

The Whitecaps also named midfielder Terry Dunfield, a Vancouver native, and John Thorrington, who was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, as alternate captains.

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Can Sedins keep it in the family?

By following in his brother's footsteps, Daniel Sedin could write some NHL family history.

The Vancouver Canucks left-winger is in the race for the Art Ross Trophy as NHL scoring leader. He is also among the players mentioned as a candidate for the Hart Trophy as league MVP. His twin brother Henrik won both awards last year.

No brothers have won back-to-back scoring titles or MVP awards. The normally stoic Daniel flashed a smile when asked if the Sedins could be the first.

"I would like to think I'm as good as he is," Daniel said with a laugh yesterday.

"He had a heck of a season last year. For me to do the same thing would be tough."

Henrik Sedin, who is a few minutes older than Daniel, said he believes his little brother can keep the Art Ross Trophy in the family.

"I do now," the Canuck centre said after Vancouver practised at Rogers Arena. "I didn't a few years ago.

"He's really consistent. That's his main thing. We're not guys that are going to be flashy or be in the highlight reel every night. He's there, he's scoring goals and he's doing good things for us."

Henrik Sedin, who is also Vancouver's captain, won the scoring race last year with career highs of 29 goals and 83 assists for 112 points. Usually the set-up man for Daniel, Henrik's season was even more impressive considering his brother missed 18 games with a broken foot.

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Canucks preview

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The Predators (32-23-9) are one point out of the Western Conference's eighth spot, and are counting on goalie Pekka Rinne to withstand the Canucks' potent offence tonight.

Vancouver (40-15-9) still has the best record in the NHL despite going 5-5 in their last 10 games. They're looking for newly acquired veterans Maxim Lapierre and Chris Higgins to become more comfortable.

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Montreal	64	34	23	4	3	168	165	75	20-8-3-3	14-15-1-0	4-4-0-2	W2
NY Rangers	65	33	28	2	2	181	160	70	14-16-1-2	19-12-1-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Carolina	64	30	25	4	5	186	194	69	17-10-1-2	13-15-3-3	4-4-1-1	W1
Buffalo	62	30	25	6	1	179	179	67	14-15-2-1	16-10-4-0	5-3-1-1	W1
Toronto	64	28	27	4	5	167	195	65	15-11-3-4	13-16-1-1	5-1-2-2	W1
Atlanta	64	26	27	4	7	179	208	63	14-13-1-5	12-14-3-2	2-6-1-1	L1
New Jersey	63	28	31	3	1	134	165	60	14-13-2-1	14-18-0-1	9-1-0-0	W2
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Phoenix	65	33	22	6	4	186	189	76	15-11-3-2	18-11-3-2	6-3-0-1	L4
Calgary	66	33	24	3	6	200	188	75	19-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	5-3-1-1	L1
Los Angeles	63	35	24	2	2	178	156	74	19-10-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Dallas	63	34	23	2	4	174	177	74	18-9-2-3	16-14-0-1	4-5-1-0	W3
Anaheim	64	34	25	3	2	178	187	73	19-10-1-1	15-15-2-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Nashville	64	32	23	5	4	162	153	73	15-7-4-3	17-16-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	64	33	25	1	5	166	170	72	16-13-0-3	17-12-1-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Columbus	62	31	24	3	4	171	183	69	16-13-0-2	15-11-3-2	5-3-0-2	L2
St. Louis	63	28	26	4	5	173	186	65	18-11-1-3	10-15-3-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Colorado	64	26	30	7	1	184	219	60	14-15-4-0	12-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L4
Edmonton	64	21	35	1	7	160	212	50	11-19-1-3	10-16-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Chicago 6 Calgary 4
Anaheim 2 Detroit 1 (OT)
New Jersey 2 Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Islanders 4 Minnesota 1
Tuesday's results
Calgary 6 St. Louis 0
Montreal 3 Atlanta 1
Edmonton 2 Nashville 1 (SO)
Vancouver 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Boston 1 Ottawa 0
Buffalo 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 2 Florida 1
Dallas 3 Phoenix 2
San Jose 2 Colorado 1 (SO)
Washington 2 N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, PENGUINS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Niskanen 1 (Lovejoy, Dupuis) 6:52
2. Toronto, Kulemin 23 (MacArthur, Grabovski) 14:04
Penalties — Letang Pgh (holding) 0:13, Phaneuf Tor (interference) 4:43, Engelland Pgh (high-sticking) 9:05, Aulie Tor (cross-checking) 18:33, Neal Pgh (slashing) 19:17.
Second Period
3. Pittsburgh, Conner 7 (Niskanen) 6:40
Penalties — Pittsburgh bench (too many men; served by Conner) 0:48, Lupul Toronto (tripping) 1:51.
Third Period
4. Toronto, Kessel 27 (Gunnarsson, Bozak) 5:07
Penalty — Lovejoy Pgh (tripping) 16:42.
Overtime
5. Toronto, Grabovski 25 (Kessel, Gunnarsson) 0:42
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Pittsburgh	8	9	12	0— 29
Toronto	6	4	9	1—20

Goal — Pittsburgh: Fleury (L,28-16-5); Toronto: Reimer (W,11-4-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 0-3; Toronto: 0-5.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Brad Meier.
Linesmen — Brad Kovachik, Lonnie Cameron.
Attendance — 19,473 (18,819) at Toronto.

BLACKHAWKS 6, FLAMES 4

First Period
1. Chicago, Toews 24 (Sharp, Kane) 6:46
2. Calgary, Tanguay 18 (Iginla, Giordano) 10:36 (pp)
3. Chicago, Frolik 9 (Dowell) 18:25
Penalties — Toews Chi (goaltender interference) 9:58, Jokinen Cal (holding stick) 11:10, Bouwmeester Cal (holding) 18:58.
Second Period
4. Chicago, Campbell 4 (Bolland, Keith) 15:11 (pp)
5. Chicago, Toews 25 (Frolik, Campbell) 16:33
Penalties — Chicago bench (too many men; served by Frolik) 8:25, Kane Chi (hooking) 10:51, Sarich Cal (hooking) 14:05, Giordano Cal, Stalberg Chi (fighting) 18:45.
Third Period
6. Calgary, Bourque 20 (Stajan, Babchuk) 1:24
7. Calgary, Iginla 28 (Tanguay, Staios) 8:44
8. Chicago, Bolland 14 (Bickell, Hossa) 10:49
9. Calgary, Bourque 21 (Iginla, Bouwmeester) 16:04
10. Chicago, Hossa 17 (Frolik, Seabrook) 19:21 (en)
Penalty — Staios Cal (hooking) 2:24.
Shots on goal by

Calgary	9	6	10	—25
Chicago	10	9	11	—30

Goal (shots-saves) — Calgary: Kiprusoff (19-15), Karlsson (L,4-4-4)(start third)(10-9); Chicago: Crawford (W,24-12-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 1-3; Chicago: 1-4.
Referees — Francois St. Laurent, Don Van Massenhoven. **Linesmen** — Jonny Murray, Steve Miller.
Attendance — 20,896 (19,717) at Chicago.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	47	79
Stamkos, TB	41	37	78
St. Louis, TB	24	51	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	59	74
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Ovechkin, Wash	25	40	65
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Kopitar, LA	20	42	62
Iginla, Cal	27	34	61

Not including last night's games

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	2	2	0	0	4
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
Sri Lanka	3	2	0	1	4
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	2
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	2
Canada	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Kenya	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
India	2	1	1	0	3
England	3	1	1	1	3
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2
Bangladesh	2	1	0	1	2
Ireland	2	1	0	1	2
West Indies	2	1	0	1	2
Netherlands	2	0	0	2	0

Yesterday's result
At Bangalore, India
Ireland (329 for seven) def. England (327-8) by three wickets.
Today's matches
At Mohali (Chandigah), India
South Africa vs. Netherlands
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
Pakistan vs. **Canada**
Tomorrow's matches
At Ahmedabad, India
New Zealand vs. Zimbabwe
At Dhaka, Bangladesh
Bangladesh vs. West Indies

CURLING

THE BRIER

At London, Ont.
All Times Eastern
Saturday's games
First Draw, 2:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; New Brunswick vs. Ontario; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Prince Edward Island; Manitoba vs. British Columbia.
Second Draw, 7:30 p.m.
Manitoba vs. New Brunswick; Nova Scotia vs. Quebec; Northern Ontario vs. Alberta; Prince Edward Island vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
RECENT CHAMPIONS
(skips in parentheses)
Tim Hortons Brier
2010 — Alberta (Kevin Koe)
2009 — Alberta (Kevin Martin)
2008 — Alberta (Kevin Martin)
2007 — Ontario (Glenn Howard)
2006 — Quebec (Jean-Michel Menard)
2005 — Alberta (Randy Ferbey)
Nokia Brier
2004 — Nova Scotia (Mark Dacey)
2003 — Alberta (Randy Ferbey)
2002 — Alberta (Randy Ferbey)
2001 — Alberta (Randy Ferbey)
Labatt Brier
2000 — British Columbia (Greg McAulay)
1999 — Manitoba (Jeff Stoughton)

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	10	8	2	.800	117	91	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1½
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2½
Rochester	9	5	4	.556	85	96	2½
Philadelphia	9	4	5	.444	82	97	3½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	9	2	7	.222	93	110	3½
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK NINE
All times Eastern
Tomorrow's games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Calgary at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Buffalo at Boston, 5 p.m.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	3	0	1.000
Detroit	5	1	.833
Kansas City	3	1	.750
Seattle	2	1	.667
L.A. Angels	3	2	.600
Boston	2	2	.500
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Minnesota	2	2	.500
Oakland	2	2	.500
Texas	2	2	.500
N.Y. Yankees	2	3	.400
Tampa Bay	1	4	.200
Toronto	1	4	.200
Chicago W.Sox	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Washington	3	0	1.000
Atlanta	3	1	.750
Colorado	3	1	.750
Milwaukee	3	1	.750
San Francisco	4	2	.667
St. Louis	2	1	.667
Cincinnati	3	2	.600
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	2	3	.400
Florida	1	2	.333
L.A. Dodgers	2	4	.333
San Diego	1	2	.333
Arizona	2	5	.286
Chicago Cubs	1	3	.250
Houston	1	3	.250
N.Y. Mets	1	3	.250

Yesterday's results
Toronto 5 Tampa Bay 4
Arizona (ss) 5, Seattle 3
Atlanta 6 Boston 1
Baltimore 6 Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 7 Chicago White Sox 6
Houston (ss) 6 Detroit 3
Kansas City 11 L.A. Dodgers 5
Milwaukee 12 Chicago Cubs 5
Minnesota 4 Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Yankees 6 Houston (ss) 5
Oakland 4 Cleveland 3
San Francisco 4 Arizona (ss) 2
San Diego 7 Colorado 3
St. Louis 3 N.Y. Mets 2
Texas 10 L.A. Angels 6
Washington 8 Florida 4

BLUE JAYS 5, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jennings cf	3	0	0	0	C.Patterson lf	4	0	0	0
B.Guyer cf	1	0	0	0	J.Marisnick lf	0	0	0	0
Brignac ss	3	1	1	0	Y.Escobar ss	4	0	1	0
Beckham ss	1	0	0	0	J.Diaz ss	1	0	1	2
Zobrist 1b	3	1	1	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
L.Anderson 1b	1	0	0	0	Jo.McDonald 3b	1	0	0	0
Joyce rf	3	0	1	0	Lind 1b	2	0	0	0
R.Canzler rf	1	0	0	0	D.Cooper pr-1b	1	0	1	0
D.Johnson dh	3	2	2	2	J.Rivera rf	3	1	1	0
Kotchman ph-dh	1	0	0	0	@M.Sierra rf	1	0	0	0
F.Lopez 3b	3	0	2	1	Encarnacion dh	3	1	2	2
Olmedo 2b	1	0	1	0	E.Thames pr-dh	1	0	1	0
Inglett 2b	3	0	1	1	Arencibia c	2	1	0	0
Furmaniak 3b	1	0	0	0	B.Jeroloman ph-c	1	0	0	0
N.Ashley c	2	0	0	0	A.Gose cf	2	0	0	0
Lobaton ph-c	2	0	0	0	D.Mastroianni cf	1	1	1	0
Ruggiano lf	3	0	0	0	McCoy 2b	2	0	1	1
Carter lf	1	0	0	0	K.Ahrens pr-2b	0	0	0	0
Budde ph	0	1	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**		**32**	**5**	**9**	**5**
Tampa Bay					**000 103 000**				**—4**
Toronto					**030 000 002**				**—5**

E—Price (1). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 8. 2B—Zobrist (2), D.Johnson (1), Olmedo (1), Y.Escobar (1), J.Rivera (2), E.Thames (1). 3B—D.Johnson (1). HR—Encarnacion (1). SB—A.Gose (3), D.Mastroianni (1).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Price	2	2	3	3	2	1
Bayliss	1	0	0	0	0	1
W.Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0
A.Russell	1	2	0	0	0	0
Bootcheck	1	1	0	0	1	0
B.Gomes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ios Santos L,0-1	1	1-3	4	2	2	1
Toronto						
Morrow	3	2	0	0	0	4
Mills	2	2	1	1	0	2
Dotel BS,1-1	1	4	3	3	0	0
Frasor	1	0	0	0	0	0
Camp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	1

A—4,270 (5,509) at Dunedin, Fla.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	44	15	.746	—
d-Miami	43	17	.717	1½
d-Chicago	41	18	.695	3
Orlando	39	22	.639	6
Atlanta	37	24	.607	8
New York	31	28	.525	13
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	14½
Indiana	27	33	.450	17½
Charlotte	26	34	.433	18½
Milwaukee	23	36	.390	21
Detroit	22	41	.349	24
New Jersey	17	43	.283	27½
Toronto	17	44	.279	28
Washington	15	45	.250	29½
Cleveland	11	49	.183	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	50	11	.820	—
Dallas	44	16	.733	5½
d-L.A. Lakers	43	19	.694	7½
d-Oklahoma City	37	22	.627	12
Denver	36	26	.581	14½
Portland	34	27	.557	16
New Orleans	35	28	.556	16
Memphis	34	28	.548	16½
Phoenix	31	28	.525	18
Utah	32	29	.525	18
Houston	31	32	.492	20
Golden State	27	33	.450	22½
L.A. Clippers	22	40	.355	28½
Sacramento	15	44	.254	34
Minnesota	15	47	.242	35½

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions per conference regardless of winning percentage

Last night's results
Atlanta 83 Chicago 80
Boston 115 Phoenix 103
Denver 120 Charlotte 80
Golden State 106 Washington 102
L.A. Clippers 106 Houston 103
Minnesota 116 Detroit 105
New York 107 New Orleans 88
Oklahoma City 113 Indiana 89
Portland 107 Sacramento 102
San Antonio 109 Cleveland 99
Tuesday's results
Toronto 96 New Orleans 90
Dallas 101 Philadelphia 93
Houston 103 Portland 87
Indiana 109 Golden State 100
L.A. Lakers 90 Minnesota 79
Memphis 109 San Antonio 93
Milwaukee 92 Detroit 90
Orlando 116 New York 110
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Orlando at Miami, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, Okla	54	510	424	1539	28.5
James, Mia	58	530	388	1520	26.2
Stoudemire, NY	57	559	353	1480	26.0
Wade, Mia	56	512	359	1430	25.5
Anthony, NY	54	474	372	1367	25.3
Bryant, LAL	62	556	359	1554	25.1
Rose, Chi	57	512	303	1414	24.8

Not including last night's games

TENNIS

WTA MONTERREY OPEN

At Monterrey, Mexico
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Jelena Jankovic (1), Serbia, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Iveta Benesova (7), Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Second Round
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2), Russia, def. Melanie Oudin, U.S., 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Greta Arn, Hungary, def. Sara Errani (6), Italy, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Polona Hercog (8), Slovenia, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Julia Goerges, Germany, and Polona Hercog (3), Slovenia, def. **Marie-Eve Pelletier, Repentigny, Que.,** and Ahsha Rolle, U.S., 7-6 (5), 4-6, 10-6.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND
Yesterday's result
Manchester City 3 Aston Villa 0
FIFTH ROUND - REPLAY
Arsenal 5 Leyton Orient 0

FRANCE

FRENCH CUP
QUARTER-FINALS
Yesterday's results
Chambery 0 Angers 3
Paris Saint-Germain 2 Le Mans 0 (OT)
Lille 0 Lorient 0 (OT)
(Lille advances 5-3 on penalties)

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP
SEMIFINALS
Yesterday's results
Bayern Munich 0 Schalke 1

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH CUP
FIFTH ROUND - REPLAY
Yesterday's result
Celtic 1 Rangers 0

PREMIER LEAGUE
St. Johnstone 0 Aberdeen 0

THIRD DIVISION
East Stirling 0 Albion 0

SPAIN

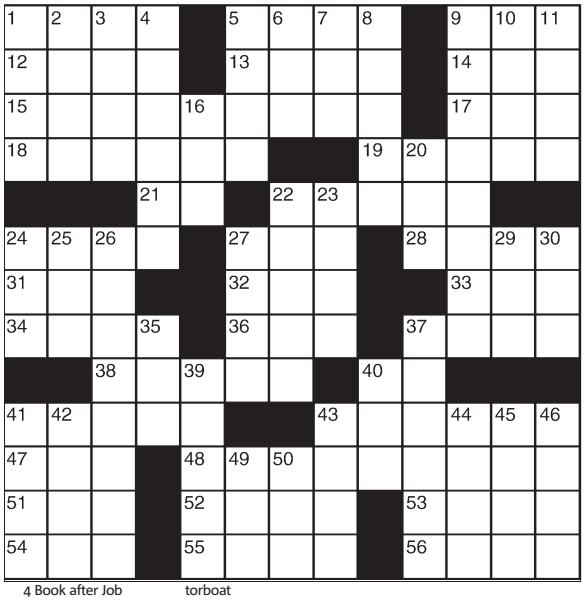
LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Getafe 1 Atletico Madrid 1
Osasuna 0 Deportivo La Coruna 0
Real Sociedad 1 Levante 1
Valencia 0 Barcelona 1
Villarreal 1 Hercules 0
Zaragoza 2 Athletic Bilbao 1

SKIING

NORDIC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Oslo, Norway
Yesterday's results
MEN
Cross-Country
Team Sprint
1. Canada (Devon Kershaw, Sudbury, Ont., and Alex Harvey, St-Ferreol-les-Neiges, Que.), 19 minutes 10.0 seconds; 2. Norway (Petter Northug, Ola Vigen Hattestad) 19:10.2; 3. Russia (Alexander Panzhinskiy, Nikita Kriukov) 19:10.5; 4. Germany (Jens Filbrich, Tim Tscharnke) 19:10.9; 5. Finland (Sami Jauhojaervi, Ville Nousiainen) 19:11.1.
6. Kazakhstan (Denis Volotka, Alexey Poltoranin) 19:21.5; 7. Sweden (Jesper Modin, Emil Joensson) 19:22.0; 8. France (Jean Marc Gaillard, Cyril Miranda) 19:32.4; 9. Italy (Renato Pasini, Loris Frasnelli) 19:39.1; 10. U.S. (Torin Koos, Andrew Newell) 20:01.6.
WOMEN
Cross-Country
Team Sprint
1. Sweden (Ida Ingemarsdotter, Charlotte Kalla) 19 minutes, 25.0 seconds; 2. Finland (Aino Kaisa Saarinen, Krista Lahteenmaki) 19:28.3; 3. Norway (Maiken Caspersen Falla, Astrid Uhrenholdt Jacobsen) 19:29.1; 4. Italy (Arianna Follis, Marianna Longa) 19:40.1; 5. Slovenia (Katja Visnar, Petra Majdic) 19:43.5.
6. Canada (Perianne Jones, Almonte, Ont.; and Daria Gaiazova, Banff, Alta.) 20:11.9; 7. Germany (Stefanie Boehler, Nicole Fessel) 20:12.8; 8. Japan (Masako Ishida, Madoka Natsumi) 20:19.1; 9. U.S. (Sadie Bjornsen, Kikkan Randall) 20:21.5; 10. Russia (Anastasia Dotsenko, Julia Ivanova) 20:23.3.

Crossword



Across

1 Recipe meas.
5 Con game
9 "Wham!"
12 Brewery products
13 Albacore
14 Mimic
15 Ambulance VIP
17 Scarlet
18 Hello, in Haifa
19 Coin toss call
21 KC's state
22 Tine
24 Boston — Orchestra
27 1989 GM debut
28 Burr-Hamilton contest
31 Actress Gardner
32 Conger, for one
33 Exist
34 Imperfection
36 Rd.
37 "— Breckinridge"
38 Cognizant
40 Italian river
41 Man of morals?
43 Half-hour telecast, often
47 Monokini's lack
48 Type of baggy pants
51 Inventor Whitney
52 Falsehoods
53 Great Lake
54 Benicio — Toro
55 Energy units
56 Remainder

Down

1 Reveille's opposite
2 Mediocre
3 Antitoxins
4 Book after Job
5 Goblet part
6 What a cow chews
7 Blackbird
8 Overly virile
9 South American country
10 Newspaper page
11 Marries
16 Cattle call?
20 Conclusion
22 Grievance
23 Portrayal
24 Manhandle
25 Eggs
26 Soar behind a motorboat
27 Equipment
29 Bobble the ball
30 Grazing area
35 Pair
37 "Psycho" figure
39 Mac maker
40 Snapshot
41 Not up yet
42 — Stanley Gardner
43 Back talk
44 Remedy
45 Singer Redding
46 Encounter
49 Melody
50 Bylaw, for short

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	S	K	S	■	C	B	S	■	E	G	A	D		
U	T	A	H	■	H	E	W	■	S	A	M	E		
K	E	Y	L	A	R	G	O	■	C	R	A	W		
S	P	E	E	D	O	■	R	O	U	G	H	Y		
■	■	■	P	A	N	■	D	O	D	O	■	■		
P	I	A	■	R	I	M	■	H	O	Y	L	E		
A	F	R	O	■	C	A	B	■	S	L	U	R		
S	I	G	N	S	■	D	I	P	■	E	G	G		
■	■	O	W	E	S	■	F	A	B	■	■	■		
T	E	N	A	N	T	■	O	P	I	A	T	E		
A	L	A	R	■	E	S	C	A	R	G	O	T		
M	A	U	D	■	A	K	A	■	C	R	O	C		
A	N	T	S	■	M	I	L	■	H	A	T	H		

Sudoku

	2		8	3	4		5	
5								6
		7				1		
7	5		3		6		1	4
				4				
1	4		2		5		8	9
		5				4		
9								8
	3		7	9	8		2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	1	3	2	6	5	9	8	7
9	6	2	7	8	4	5	3	1
8	7	5	3	1	9	4	6	2
3	8	7	5	4	6	2	1	9
2	5	9	1	3	8	7	4	6
6	4	1	9	2	7	8	5	3
5	3	6	8	9	2	1	7	4
7	9	4	6	5	1	3	2	8
1	2	8	4	7	3	6	9	5

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Tony! You are the apple of my eye! You are the sunshine of my life! You spin me right round! You make my dreams come true! You are the fluff in my pillow! You know who you are! Love you forever! **CHRIS B**

hello hello Lulu! i just want to let you know that i am looking forward to seeing you today and every other day. you are very special to me. Miss you a lot. With love **YOUR COCONUT T**

Today 7°/3° Rain 80%
Friday 7°/4° Rain 80%
The Weather Network
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 A positive attitude is essential today, as the approaching new moon in Pisces warns that your fears could easily get the better of you. Chances are nothing bad will happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Someone you meet on your travels could be very important to you career-wise, so be outgoing and friendly and make a good impression. Once you've made contact and said hello, arrange a business meeting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The approaching new moon will boost your confidence and make it easier to take centre stage at work. Remember: It's not enough to be a star for a day — make it a way of life.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The upcoming new moon in your fellow Water sign of Pisces will stir your sense of adventure and you'll be making all sorts of plans, but you've still got to get up out of your chair and make them happen. Start now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You seem to be worrying what other people think of you, which is unlike you. Whatever the reason, get over it because you have important things to do that are sure to draw criticism.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Any worries you have about an affair of the heart will be laid to rest over the next 48 hours. The fact is you have never been more loved. No one is out to get you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You expect people to do as you say, but that's not going to happen at the moment. No matter how independent-minded you are, you must make an effort to meet others halfway.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Follow your instincts and ignore those who say that what you are trying to do will end in tears. Maybe it will, be it won't be your tear. It will be theirs when they realize how much doubting you has cost them.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be decisive today, especially when dealing with family. If you give others the idea that you don't know what you are doing, they may lose confidence in you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may disapprove of what a friend is up to but do you have the right to tell him or her what to do? This is a time when he or she must be allowed to learn from mistakes.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may get lucky today and get a windfall that solves your immediate money worries, but you are smart enough to know that if you are going to prosper, you need to cut back on reckless spending.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Most things are going well, but there is a cloud on the horizon and it threatens some kind of upheaval. That's OK. What's changing in your life is for the best. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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